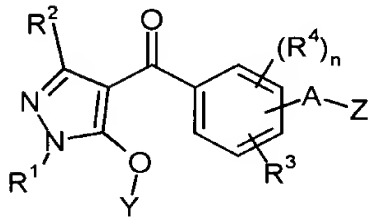
Amendments t th Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. Cancelled.

2. (Currently Amended) A substituted benzoylpyrazole of the formula (I),



(I)

wherein

n represents the numbers 0, 1 or 2,

A represents an alkanediyl ~~(alkylene)~~ having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R^1 represents optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkyl-carbonyl-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted alkenyl or alkinyl having in each case 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy or alkoxycarbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents optionally halogen-substituted alkylthio having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

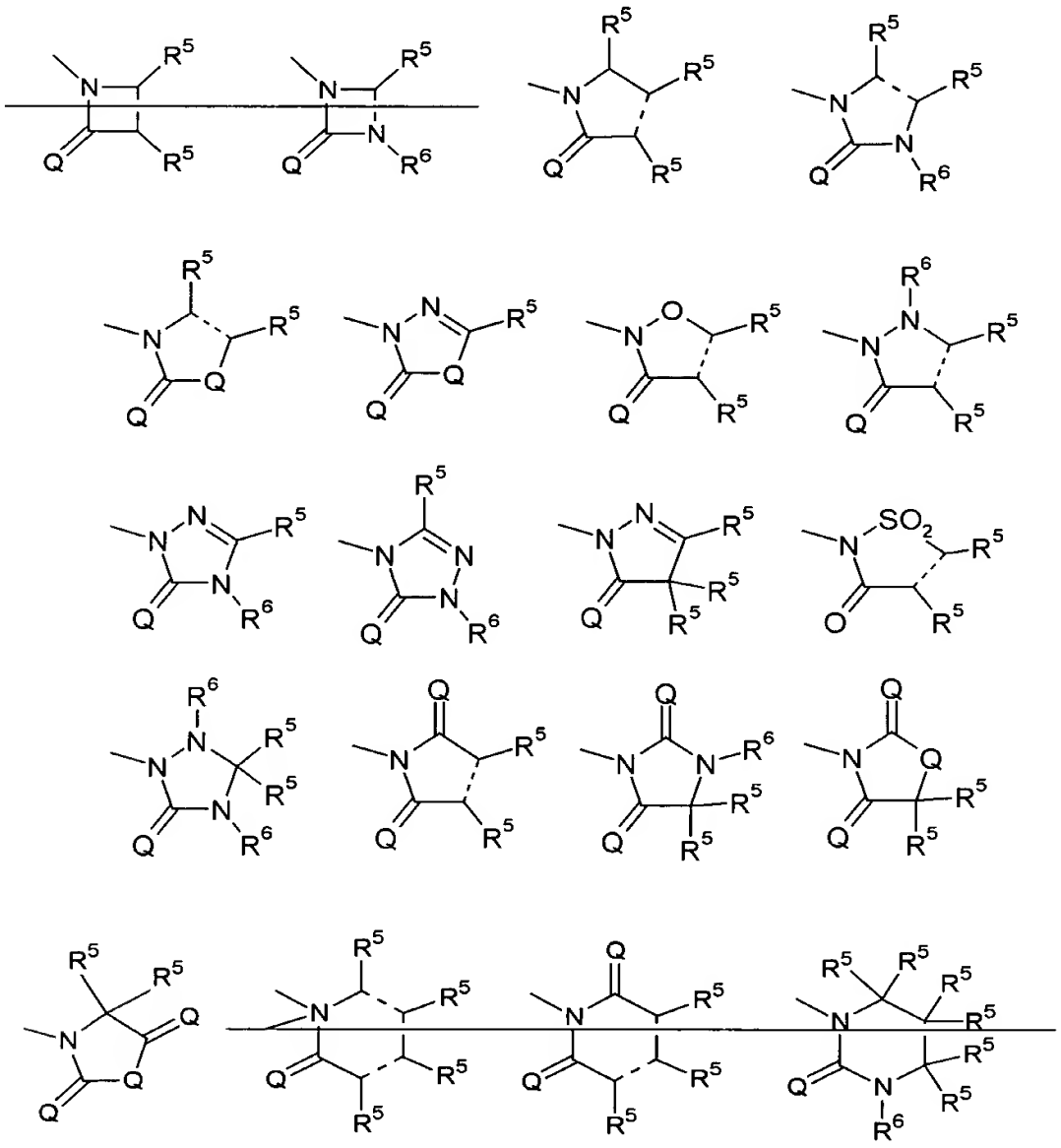
R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,

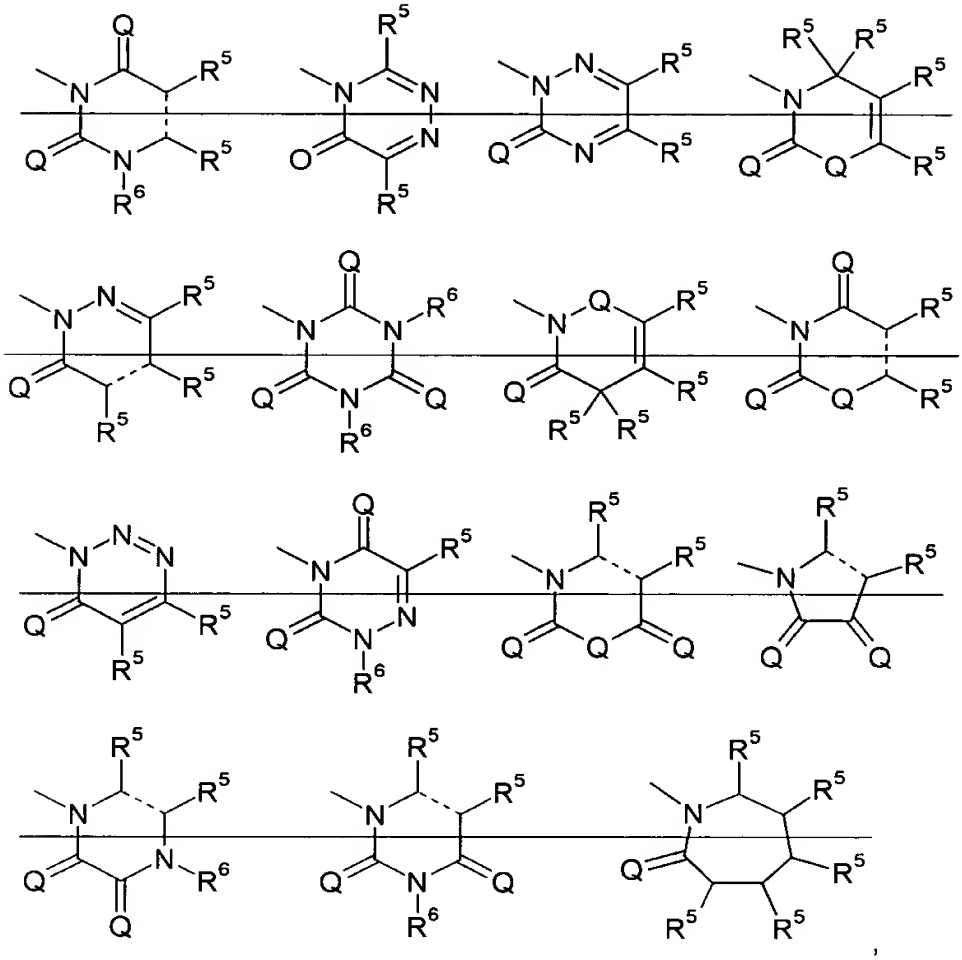
R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,

Y represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl or alkoxycarbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkylsulfonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl or dialkylamino-carbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted alkenyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkinyl or alkinylcarbonyl having in each case 2 to 6 carbon atoms, represents optionally halogen-substituted alkenylsulfonyl having up to 6 carbon atoms represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl or cyclo-alkylalkyl having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and

optionally 1 to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally nitro-, cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl-, C_1-C_4-halogenoalkyl-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy- or C_1-C_4-halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, phenyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl or phenylcarbonyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, and

Z represents one of the heterocyclic groupings below





in which in each case the broken bond is a single bond or a double bond,

Q represents oxygen,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents propadienylthio, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl, alkenyloxy, alkenylthio or alkenylamino having in each

case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkylamino, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, cycloalkylalkylthio or cycloalkylalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenyloxy, phenylthio, phenylamino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, represents pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino, or - if two adjacent radicals R^5 and R^5 are located on a double bond - together with the adjacent radical R^5 also represents a benzo grouping, and

R^6 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylideneamino having up to 4 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino or alkanoylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl or alkenyloxy having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with an adjacent radical R^5 or R^6 represents optionally halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted alkanediyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms,

where the individual radicals R^5 and R^6 - if a plurality of these are attached to the same heterocyclic groupings, may have identical or different meanings within the scope of the above definition.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 2, wherein

n represents the numbers 0 or 1,

A represents methylene, ethylidene ~~(ethane-1,1-diyl)~~ or dimethylene ~~(ethane-1,2-diyl)~~,

R^1 represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, n- or i-propylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl-, ethylsulfonyl-, n- or i-propylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propinyl or butinyl, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methoxy-carbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl- or ethylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, di-methylaminosulfonyl or diethylaminosulfonyl,

R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl- or ethylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulfonyl or diethylaminosulfonyl,

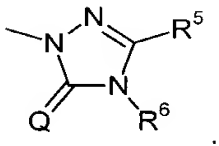
R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, difluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, chlorodifluoromethyl, fluorodichloromethyl, fluoroethyl, chloroethyl, difluoroethyl, dichloroethyl, fluoro-n-propyl, fluoro-i-propyl, chloro-n-propyl, chloro-i-propyl, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxyethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, fluoroethoxy, chloroethoxy, difluoroethoxy, dichloroethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, trichloroethoxy, chlorofluoroethoxy, chlorodifluoroethoxy, fluorodichloroethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, fluoroethylthio, chloroethylthio, difluoroethylthio, dichloroethylthio, chlorofluoroethylthio, chlorodifluoroethylthio, fluorodichloroethylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, dimethylamino, propenylthio, butenylthio, propinylthio, butinylthio, cyclopropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclopropylmethoxy, phenyl or phenoxy,

R^6 represents amino, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, dimethylamino, cyclopropyl or cyclopropylmethyl, or together with R^5 represents propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene), butane-1,4-diyl (tetramethylene) or pentane-1,5-diyl (pentamethylene), and

Y represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, acetyl, propionyl, n- or i-butyroyl, methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted methylsulfonyl-, ethylsulfonyl-, n- or i-propylsulfonyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butylsulfonyl-, methylaminocarbonyl, ethylaminocarbonyl, n- or i-propylaminocarbonyl, dimethylaminocarbonyl or diethylaminocarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propenylcarbonyl, butenylcarbonyl, propenylsulfonyl, butenylsulfonyl, propinyl, butinyl, propinylcarbonyl or butinylcarbonyl, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropylcarbonyl, cyclobutylcarbonyl, cyclopentylcarbonyl, cyclohexylcarbonyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl or cyclohexylmethyl, or represents in each case optionally nitro-, cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, trifluoromethyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, difluoromethoxy- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, benzyl or phenylcarbonylmethyl.

4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein

Z represents the grouping below

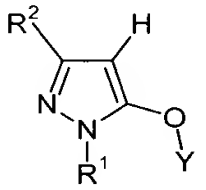


5. Cancelled.

6. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein n represents 0.

7. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 2, comprising:

(a) reacting a pyrazole of the formula (II)



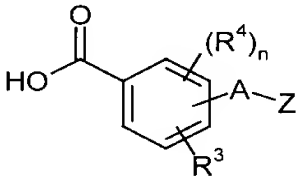
(II)

in which

R^1, R^2 and Y are as defined in claim 2,

with

a substituted benzoic acid of the formula (III),



(III)

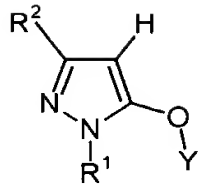
in which

n, A, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim2,

in the presence of a dehydrating agent, optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

or

(b) reacting a pyrazole of the formula (II)



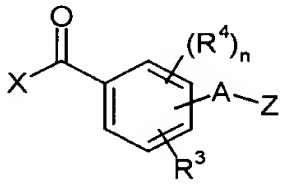
(II)

in which

R^1, R^2 and Y are as defined in claim 2,

with

a member selected from the group consisting of a substituted benzoic acid derivative of the formula (IV)



(IV)

in which

n, A, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim 2, and

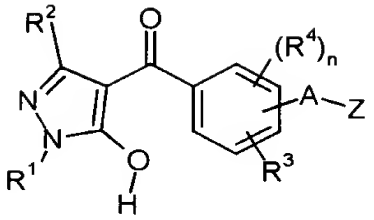
X represents cyano, halogen or alkoxy,

and corresponding carboxylic anhydrides thereof

optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

or

(c) reacting a substituted benzoylpyrazole of the formula (Ia)



(Ia)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim 2,

with

a compound of the formula (V)

H-Y (V)

in which

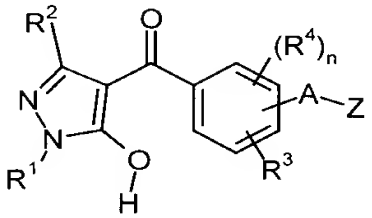
Y is as defined in claim 2, except for hydrogen,

and optionally further comprising the step of including as a reactant corresponding isocyanates or isothiocyanates thereof

optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

and, optionally further comprising the step of subjecting the resulting compound of the formula (I) to one or more reactions selected from the group consisting of an electrophilic reaction, a nucleophilic reaction, an oxidation reaction, a reduction reaction and combinations thereof within the scope of the definition of the substituents, or further comprising the step of converting the compound of the formula (I) into a salt.

8. (Previously Presented) A compound of the formula (Ia)



(Ia)

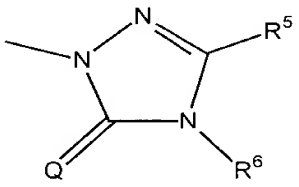
in which

n, A, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim 2.

9. (Previously Presented) An herbicidal composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 2 and an extender.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling undesirable plants comprising the step of applying an herbicidally effective amount at least one compound according to claim 2 to a member selected from the group consisting of said plant and a habitat of said plant.

11. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 2 wherein Z represents a member selected from the group consisting of



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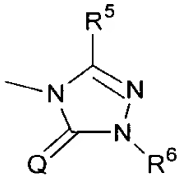

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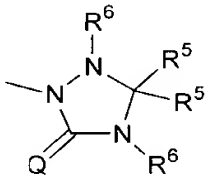
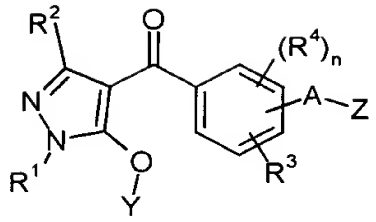


12. (New) A substituted benzoylpyrazole of the formula (I),



(I)

wherein

n represents the numbers 0, 1 or 2,

A represents methylene,

R^1 represents optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkyl-carbonyl-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted alkenyl or alkinyl having in each case 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy or alkoxycarbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents optionally halogen-substituted alkylthio having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

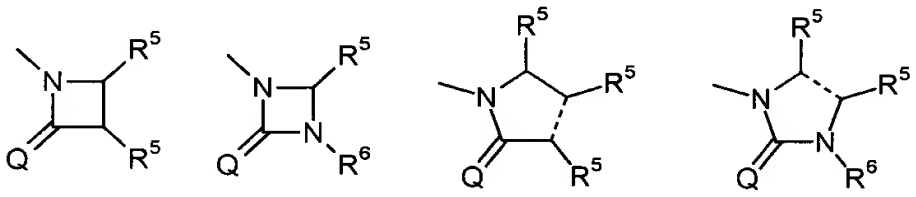
R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkyl-thio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulfonyl having in

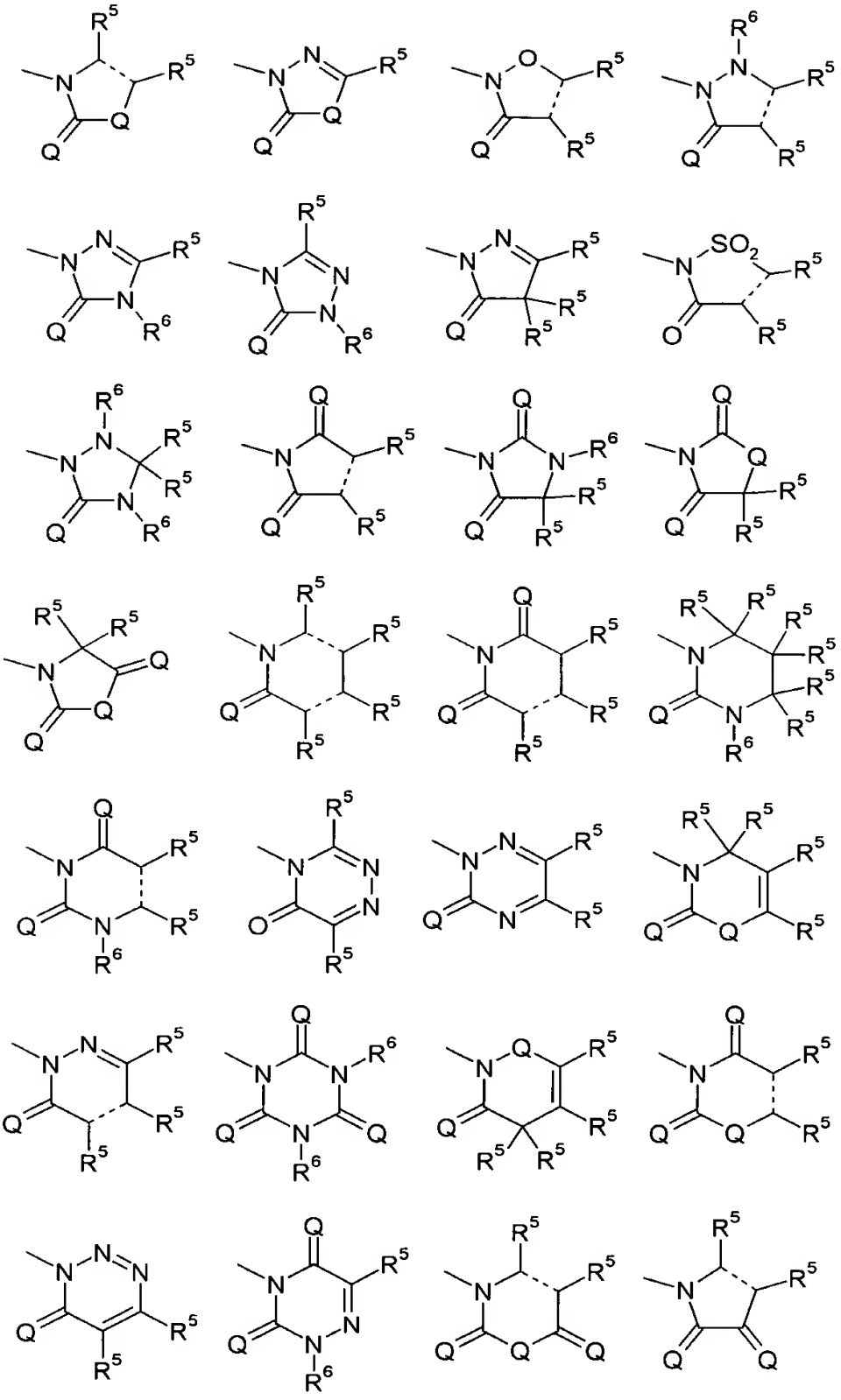
each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,

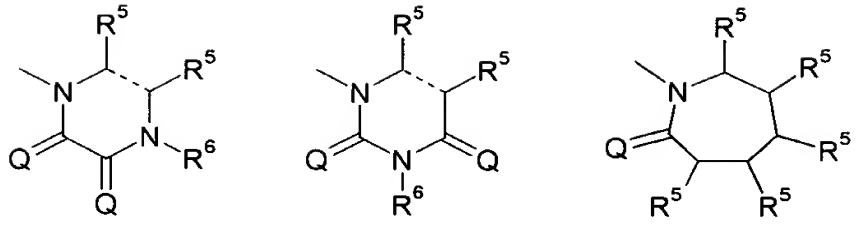
R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,

Y represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl or alkoxycarbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkylsulfonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl or dialkylamino-carbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted alkenyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkinyl or alkinylcarbonyl having in each case 2 to 6 carbon atoms, represents optionally halogen-substituted alkenylsulfonyl having up to 6 carbon atoms represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl or cyclo-alkylalkyl having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally 1 to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally nitro-, cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl-, C_1-C_4-halogenoalkyl-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy- or C_1-C_4-halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, phenyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl or phenylcarbonyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, and

Z represents one of the heterocyclic groupings below







in which in each case the broken bond is a single bond or a double bond,

Q represents oxygen,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents propadienylthio, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl, alkenyloxy, alkenylthio or alkenylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkylamino, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, cycloalkylalkylthio or cycloalkylalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenyloxy, phenylthio, phenylamino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, represents pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino, or - if two adjacent radicals R^5 and R^5 are located on a double bond - together with the adjacent radical R^5 also represents a benzo grouping, and

R^6 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylideneamino having up to 4 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted

alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino or alkanoylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl or alkenyloxy having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with an adjacent radical R^5 or R^6 represents optionally halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted alkanediyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms,

where the individual radicals R^5 and R^6 - if a plurality of these are attached to the same heterocyclic groupings, may have identical or different meanings within the scope of the above definition.

13. (New) The compound according to claim 12, wherein

n represents the numbers 0 or 1,

R^1 represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, n- or i-propylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl-, ethylsulfonyl-, n- or i-propylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propinyl or butinyl, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methoxy-carbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl, represents in each case

optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl- or ethylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulfonyl or diethylaminosulfonyl,

R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl- or ethylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulfonyl or diethylaminosulfonyl,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, difluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, chlorodifluoromethyl, fluorodichloromethyl, fluoroethyl, chloroethyl, difluoroethyl, di-

chloroethyl, fluoro-n-propyl, fluoro-i-propyl, chloro-n-propyl, chloro-i-propyl, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxyethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, fluoroethoxy, chloroethoxy, difluoroethoxy, dichloroethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, trichloroethoxy, chlorofluoroethoxy, chlorodifluoroethoxy, fluorodichloroethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, fluoroethylthio, chloroethylthio, difluoroethylthio, dichloroethylthio, chlorofluoroethylthio, chlorodifluoroethylthio, fluorodichloroethylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, dimethylamino, propenylthio, butenylthio, propinylthio, butinylthio, cyclopropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclopropylmethoxy, phenyl or phenoxy,

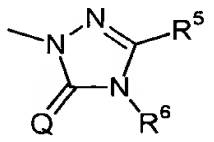
R^6 represents amino, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, dimethylamino, cyclopropyl or cyclopropylmethyl, or together with R^5 represents propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene), butane-1,4-diyl (tetramethylene) or pentane-1,5-diyl (pentamethylene), and

Y represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, acetyl, propionyl, n- or i-butyroyl, methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted methylsulfonyl-, ethylsulfonyl-, n- or i-propylsulfonyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butylsulfonyl-, methylaminocarbonyl, ethylaminocarbonyl, n- or i-propylaminocarbonyl, dimethylaminocarbonyl or diethylaminocarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propenylcarbonyl, butenylcarbonyl, propenylsulfonyl, butenylsulfonyl, propinyl, butinyl, propinylcarbonyl or butinylcarbonyl, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropylcarbonyl, cyclobutylcarbonyl, cyclopentylcarbonyl, cyclohexylcarbonyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl or cyclohexylmethyl, or represents in each case optionally nitro-, cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, trifluoromethyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, difluoromethoxy- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, benzyl or phenyl-

carbonylmethyl.

14. ((New) The compound according to claim 12, wherein

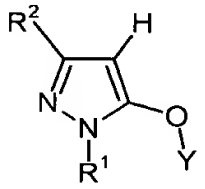
Z represents the grouping below



15. (New) The compound according to claim 12, wherein n represents 0.

16. (New) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 12, comprising:

(a) reacting a pyrazole of the formula (II)



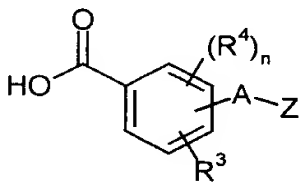
(II)

in which

R^1, R^2 and Y are as defined in claim 12,

with

a substituted benzoic acid of the formula (III),



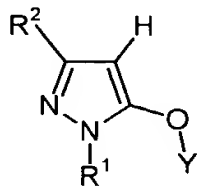
(III)

in which

n, A, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim 12,

in the presence of a dehydrating agent, optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,
or

(b) reacting a pyrazole of the formula (II)

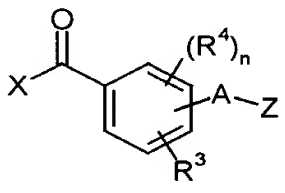


(II)

in which
R^1, R^2 and Y are as defined in claim 12,

with

a member selected from the group consisting of a substituted benzoic acid derivative of the formula (IV)



(IV)

in which

n, A, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim 12, and

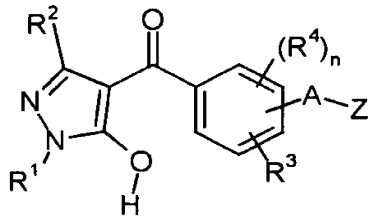
X represents cyano, halogen or alkoxy,

and corresponding carboxylic anhydrides thereof

optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

or

(c) reacting a substituted benzoylpyrazole of the formula (Ia)



(Ia)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim 12,

with

a compound of the formula (V)

H-Y (V)

in which

Y is as defined in claim 12, except for hydrogen,

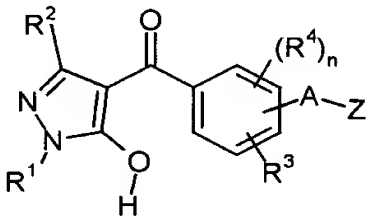
and optionally further comprising the step of including as a reactant corresponding isocyanates or isothiocyanates thereof

optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the

presence of a diluent,

and, optionally further comprising the step of subjecting the resulting compound of the formula (I) to one or more reactions selected from the group consisting of an electrophilic reaction, a nucleophilic reaction, an oxidation reaction, a reduction reaction and combinations thereof within the scope of the definition of the substituents, or further comprising the step of converting the compound of the formula (I) into a salt.

17. (New) A compound of the formula (Ia)



(Ia)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and Z are as defined in claim 12.

18. (New) An herbicidal composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 12 and an extender.

19. (New) A method for controlling undesirable plants comprising the step of applying an herbicidally effective amount at least one compound according to claim 12 to a member selected from the group consisting of said plant and a habitat of said plant.